

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-10. (Canceled).

Claim 11. (New) A method for providing a telephone number on a public telephone network from a personal directory stored on a computer network, the method comprising the steps of:

establishing a connection from a personal directory subscriber to a translation server that holds a computer network address for a personal directory of the subscriber, the personal directory of the subscriber containing a plurality of pairs of names and corresponding telephone numbers, at least one of the plurality of pairs being populated by the caller;

connecting the translation server to a computer network address of the personal directory of the subscriber;

retrieving information from the personal directory at the computer network address, the retrieved information comprising at least one of a telephone number and one of the plurality of pairs of names and corresponding telephone numbers; and

confirming by the caller at least one aspect of the retrieved information.

Claim 12. (New) The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of searching a memory in the translation server for the computer network address of the personal directory of the subscriber.

Claim 13. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of confirming comprises confirming, by the caller, the telephone number associated with the retrieved information.

Claim 14. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the step of confirming comprises confirming, by the caller, the name associated with the retrieved information.

Claim 15. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein the connection is a voice path.

Claim 16. (New) The method of claim 11, further comprising the step of automatically dialing the retrieved number after the step of confirming.

Claim 17. A personal directory system, comprising:

a translation server, responsive to a caller, for searching a plurality of stored computer addresses for a computer address corresponding to the caller and establishing a connection, via a computer network, with the corresponding address; and

a personal directory server, associated with the corresponding address and responsive to the translation server, for storing a plurality of personal directories, each personal directory comprising personal directory entries, at least one of the personal directory entries being populated by the caller, and for accessing a personal directory corresponding to the caller, whereby information associated with a selected personal directory entry may be provided to and confirmed by the caller from the personal directory corresponding to the caller.

Claim 18. (New) The personal directory system of claim 17, wherein the translation server is adapted to be connected to a public telephone network switch and to a computer network.

Claim 19. (New) The personal directory system of claim 18, wherein the translation server is further configured to transmit a telephone number associated with the directory entry to the telephone switch to complete a connection on the telephone network.

Claim 20. (New) The personal directory system of claim 18, wherein the translation server is further configured to receive a call from the switch requesting access to the caller's personal directory.

Claim 21. (New) The system of claim 17, further comprising a text-to-speech module, responsive to the personal directory server, for converting the selected personal directory entry to at least one of a name or telephone number.

Claim 22. (New) The system of claim 17, further comprising a voice recognition module responsive to the caller, for recognizing the selected a personal directory entry spoken by the caller.

Claim 23. (New) The system of claim 17, further comprising a caller identification module, responsive to the caller, for identifying the caller to the translation server, to associate the caller with one of the stored computer addresses.

Claim 24. (New) The system of claim 17, wherein the translation server is further configured to be responsive to the personal directory server to automatically dial the selected personal directory entry.

Claim 25. (New) A personal directory server comprising:

means for storing a plurality of personal directories, each personal directory including a plurality of personal directory entries, wherein at least one of the personal directory entries includes a telephone number provided by a subscriber associated with the personal directory;

means for associating a caller with one of the personal directories;

means for corresponding one of the personal directory entries with a selected personal directory entry provided by the caller; and

means for confirming by the caller the corresponding one of the personal directory entries with the selected personal directory entry provided by the caller.

Claim 26. (New) The personal directory server of claim 25, wherein the means for storing a plurality of personal directories is configured to store the personal directories at different network addresses.

Claim 27. (New) The personal directory server of claim 25, wherein each personal directory comprises a plurality of pairs of names of telephony subscribers and their corresponding telephone numbers.

Claim 28. (New) The personal directory server of claim 25, wherein the a personal directory server further comprises means for searching the stored telephone numbers in the personal directory of the subscriber for a desired telephone number.

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Claim 29. (New) The personal directory server of claim 25, wherein the personal directory server further comprises means for transmitting a selected stored number in response to a request for the number.